

# EVENING WORLD

## EDGREN'S COLUMN



THE BRIT-NELSON FIGHT IS BEING ADVERTISED AS A MATCH FOR THE FEATHER-WEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP.

And the battle is to be fought at 125 pounds. WITHIN A POUND OF THE LIGHT-WEIGHT LIMIT.

Isn't this talk about the feather-weight title verging upon the absurd?

A few interesting persons claimed that Terry McGovern lost the feather-weight championship to Young Corbett at 125 pounds. Then another set of interested managers handed the title to Britt when he beat Corbett at 125.

The feather-weight LIMIT is 122 pounds, ring-side. Any fighter above that figure, and under 135, is a light-weight.

HER are some interesting facts about the weights. The feather limit of 122 is accepted only because the title has been fought for at that figure on many occasions.

The old fighting rules acknowledged three weights. They were: Feather-weight, 122 pounds; middle-weight, 133 pounds; and light-weight, 145 pounds.

The light-weight limit alone is still observed. Many great fighters fought at the weight, McAuliffe and Lavigne, for instance, without running over it, and so the figure stuck.

A few years ago a party of American sporting men, composing the American Boxing League, met in the office of a well-known sporting magazine, and adopted a standard weight schedule.

However, it did not come into general use. It was: Bantam, 110; feather, 120; light, 130; middle, 140; welter, 150; middle, 160; light-heavy, 170; all over that, heavy-weight.

This seems to be a good division of the weights, with one exception, the light-heavy-weight class.

Jeffries, the giant, outclasses all the other fighters that none of the ordinary heavy-weights seem to have a chance with him. It would be better to make the light-heavy-weight limit 200 pounds, leaving a margin of twenty pounds in the light-heavy-weight class.

The heavy-weights are usually near the 200 mark, or above it. Take Jeffries, who weighs 230 in condition, and even if the light-heavy-weight limit was 200, he would outclass the champion of that class by at least fifty pounds.

Corbett, Sharkey, Ruhlman, Hart and all of the other heavy-weight fighters would still be above the light-heavy-weight mark.

If the weights were fixed on the even figures, 120, 130, 140, etc., there would be no danger of change. The weights as arranged in England many years ago were founded on the stone. The feather-weight was 8 stone. The light-weight was 9 1/2 stone. The middle-weight was 11 stone. Reduced to the American pound system of measurement these weights are hard to keep track of, and are likely to be changed at the caprice of the fighter.

A NOTHER good thing that was recommended by the American Boxing League was the abolishment of clinching and holding. That, if enforced, would bring about the cleanest and cleverest kind of boxing.

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## MEET IN RING NEXT WEEK



BATTLING NELSON'S FIGHTING FACE

While "Native Son" Will Be the Favorite, There Will Be Plenty of Dane Money in Sight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13.—The one topic of conversation in fighting circles here is the lightweight battle next Tuesday night between Battling Nelson and Jimmy Britt. Both boys have their admirers, and while the "Native Son" probably will step into the ring a slight favorite, there is no doubt that there will be plenty of Nelson money in sight.

Both boys are training faithfully and both are possessed of supreme confidence. This latter is especially true of Nelson.

The conqueror of Young Corbett has impressed the many visitors to his training camp by the manner in which he goes about his work. Although realizing Britt a pretty hard nut to crack, Nelson is brimful of confidence so far as the result of the contest is concerned.

This impression is not gained by the Dane's boastfulness, for there is no more conservative little boxer than the aspirant for championship honors.

Nelson stood up his man long ago and he has just been waiting for the opportunity that will present itself when he faces Britt in the ring. He has no fear for the result and his only object seems to be to get into the best possible shape, and the result of the battle will be assured.

Nelson does not know what fear is. He believes he is the best fighter at the weight, and as for Britt, he feels he will surely dispose of him before the limit of the bout. Nelson does not believe that Britt thinks he is easy. He is satisfied that he has convinced the Californian that he is a formidable opponent as a result of his clean-cut victory over Young Corbett, while Britt was lucky to gain a decision over Corbett after they had fought twenty rounds.

Britt has his many friends guessing as to whether to believe Nelson is easy game or not. Britt, of course, assures his friends that he will surely win, and without any great effort. That he considers Nelson very seriously, however, and that he anticipates an interesting battle when he encounters the Dane is evident by the way he is going about his training.

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Important Happenings Expected Before End of Session Which Began To-Day—Giants Will Go to Cuba in the Spring.

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The meeting of the Board of Directors started the ball a rolling. This was held in the office of President Harry Pulliam, after which the regular meeting of the magnates was begun at the Victoria.

The Board of Directors began its official business by approving of all of the financial affairs of the League submitted by President Pulliam. After that they went over the routine business of the organization for the year, approving of everything. After a few more details had been acted upon the board adjourned.

Talk of Trades. While waiting for a few of the magnates to arrive, those who were already on the scene got together and talked baseball at a fast gait. That there will be many trades agreed to before the meeting comes to an end is evident by the way the different magnates talked on this matter.

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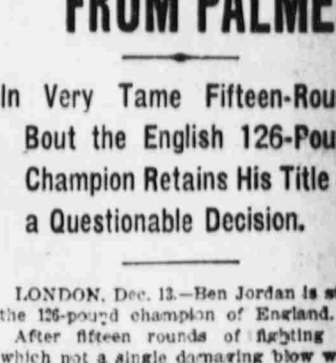
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